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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)) Prasad DASIKA *et al.*
Application No.) 10/625,609
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Title) METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING
PROTECTION IN AN OPTICAL
COMMUNICATION NETWORK
Examiner) Guerssy Azemar
Art Unit) 2613

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner Azemar:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 2, 2006, rejecting Claims 1-12 of the above-referenced Application, in which Claims 1-12 are pending, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and remarks be considered. In view of these amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully request such action.